



## THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL.

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### Democratic Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
COL. DAVID S. REID, of Rockingham.

NEW-HANOVER COUNTY—FOR THE SENATE,  
NICHOLAS N. NIXON, Esq.

FOR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
JOHN D. POWERS.  
WILLIAM HILL.

52—Election, Thursday, August 1st.—52

### Appointment.

We are requested by Mr. HILL, one of the Democratic candidates for the Legislature, to state that he will address the people of New Hanover county, at the Court House in Wilmington, on next Tuesday evening, (30th inst.) at half past seven o'clock.

### Appointments.

THOS. H. WILLIAMS Esq., will address the people at Exchange Corner on Tuesday evening next, at 5 o'clock P. M.

At Dry Pond, on Wednesday evening next, at 5 o'clock P. M.

**Gov. Manly and the Basis of Representation—The Fact Proved.**

Two weeks since we stated that GOV. MANLY had come out for the abolition of the present basis of representation and the substitution of the white basis. We then knew what we stated. We knew it to be a FACT, and were ready to vouch for it. We now have the PROOF before us, and we earnestly beg every man in the East and the West, Whig and Democrat alike, to read and reflect, and then act as his own feelings may dictate. The proof is plain, positive, and circumstantial, and is contained in the following letter, which appears in the *Raleigh Standard*, of the 20th instant:

WENTWORTH, July 16, 1850.

Mr. HODGES—Sir: Understanding that it is doubtful, if not denied, by some that Gov. Manly, in his speech at this place came out in favor of the *White Basis* for representation, we the undersigned, who were present on that occasion and heard him, do certify that he then declared most distinctly and unequivocally that he was in favor of "abolishing the present black or federal basis, and of instituting a white basis in its stead." He called upon Col. Reid to know what were his views on this subject; to which the Colonel unhesitatingly replied, that he was opposed to any change whatever in the mode of apportioning our representatives, and especially so at this particular juncture. Gov. MANLY then emphatically announced himself in favor of the change, and proclaimed that he was a better friend to *Equal Suffrage* than his opponent.

Some whose signatures are hereto annexed are Whigs, and have, therefore, no wish to injure Gov. MANLY or his election; but they deem it to be the duty of all men, be they Whigs or Democrats, to give the truth to the world whenever doubts have arisen in relation to the position and views of him who may be a candidate for office, and especially on a subject so intricate and important as this.

We heard Gov. MANLY on the occasion referred to with our own ears, and are willing to testify to it; and should it be denied, we pledge ourselves to produce the certificates of fifty as respectable men as those intricate and important as this.

We are not ambitious of appearing in the public papers, but should it be necessary in order to establish the truth, we consent that this may be published.

Yours, &c.,  
T. B. WHEELER,  
JOSEPH S. ROBINSON, Jr.,  
F. W. HANCOCK,  
J. W. ELLINGTON,  
T. RUFFIN, Jr.

These gentlemen are as respectable as any men in the State, and as far above suspicion. There can be no doubt or question of the truth of what they say. THE FACT IS SO. It is proved, pinned down, substantiated. When we first made this statement, many of our Whig friends avowed their determination not to vote for GOV. MANLY if this charge was proved upon him. *It is now proved*, and we speak candidly as a man irrespective of party, when we say that we cannot see how any man, more especially any Eastern man, can vote for GOV. MANLY. He openly avows himself in favor of abolishing the Federal basis in the House of Commons, which abolition would throw the whole control of that House into the hands of the non-slaveholding counties of the West; and more than this, he denounces the basis of representation in the Senate, by which Onslow and other Eastern Counties are entitled to a Senator, as a GROSS INJUSTICE! Who is willing, by his vote, to stand up and endorse this course of GOV. MANLY? Who in the town of Wilmington? Who in the county of New Hanover? Who throughout the Seventh District? Is there any man here? Is there any man throughout the whole East, who is willing to assume the responsibility of seconding GOV. MANLY in his treacherous attack upon the dearest rights and most cherished interests of his section? If there be any such let him avow himself, that he may be known. We venture to say that there is no such man. We hope that what no man dares to avow, none will be found to sanction by their votes.

Thursday, the First of August.

Thursday next will be the day of election, when it will become the duty of every citizen to exercise his constitutional rights at the ballot-box. We hope that none will be found wanting, but that every man will come forward and deposit his vote, so that a full expression of the popular feeling may be obtained, and we may know many men in this section of the State—Whigs or Democrats—are willing to sanction a change in the present basis of representation by voting for GOV. MANLY. How many in New Hanover, in Brunswick, Bladen, or Columbus, Duplin, Sampson, or Onslow? How many in any of the slaveholding counties of the East or West? We begin to see the company of Whigs in Edgecombe reduced to a corporal's guard, and finally disappear. We see that many in our own midst, who still adhere to that party, find it impossible to support GOV. MANLY in his agrarian schemes, and Free-Soul amanities. We feel convinced, that if this matter were fully understood and acted upon by the people of the East, Col. Reid's vote would be unanimous; and we call upon all the friends of Col. Reid—all the friends of the present basis—all the friends of the East—all the friends of the State and of the Constitution, to exert themselves between now and the day of election. Let them bring this matter home to the people. Let them point out the full enormity of GOV. MANLY's demagogical course; and let no effort be spared to bring every voter up to the polls. Let it be borne in mind, that twelve additional votes in each county would have elected Mr. Reid in 1848, and that New Hanover and Sampson alone might have polled four hundred more than they did.

We do hope that our friends in each election district will devote one whole day—that of election—to seeing that every voter is polled for Mr. Reid. Let a certain number of gentlemen in each district, acquainted with the district and every man in it, constitute themselves, or be constituted, a Committee for this purpose. This is all that is needed to secure Mr. Reid's election, and with it the triumph of the people over the Central Cliques that would force Mr. MANLY upon them—the triumph of the Constitution against Free Soil innovation and agrarianism. Poll every vote, and the DAY IS OURS!

**TOPSAIL ACADEMY.**—We are requested to state, that the second examination of the pupils of this school will come off on Wednesday, the 31st inst. Strangers, as well as the friends and patrons of the school, are respectfully invited to attend.

### Equal Suffrage—Mr. Reid's Position.

We have learned with surprise and regret, that some misapprehension exists among our friends in relation to the position occupied by Col. Reid, upon the question of Equal Suffrage; and that some of them have even gone so far as to confound it with a change in the present basis of representation. This is a mistake—a very great mistake. Nothing could be farther from the facts of the case. Nothing more opposed to Col. Reid's views and wishes. Col. Reid and the friends of Equal Suffrage contemplate no change in the present basis of representation; and the reform they have in view has no more connection with the basis of representation, than with the man in the moon. We will quote Col. Reid's own words upon this question, that the people may see what he does say. In alluding to Equal Suffrage he says:

"In advocating this reform, I do not now, nor have I at any time proposed to change the basis of representation for either the Senate or House of Commons.

Let that remain as it is. What I now propose is, to permit every man who is now entitled to vote for the Commons, to vote also for the Senate."

This is an extract from Col. Reid's recent address to the people of North Carolina, and is in strict accordance with his private views and feelings. During the canvass of 1848, we had the pleasure of meeting with Col. Reid, and of conversing with him upon this subject. No man could be more opposed to a change in the present basis than he is and was; no man could more indignantly repudiate all interference with the matter.

To illustrate this subject more fully, we will take the county of Duplin as an example. In apportioning Senators and Commoners, according to the present basis, Duplin is allowed one Senator and two Commoners. Suppose we allow every man in Duplin who is now entitled to vote for President of the United States, members of Congress, and State Commoners, also to vote for State Senator; what change will it make in the basis? None at all. Not a particle of change. Duplin will still be entitled to two Commoners and one Senator as before. The basis of representation has reference only to the apportionment of representation among the counties, and not to the mode of electing them by the people of those counties. If it be just to assume that the Senate is the representative of land, and that all except landholders ought to be excluded from voting for Senators, it is equally just to say that, because representation in the Commons is founded upon the federal basis, all except slaveholders should be excluded from voting for Commoners; and yet who will assert that this is?

This thing of making a legal difference between free white men, residing in one community, is a remnant of British rule and aristocratic tyranny, which cannot soon be got rid of. The basis of representation being intended to harmonize conflicting interests, and preserve the balance of power between different sections, forms one of the compromises of our Federal Constitution, and lies at the very foundation of our political system, and the democratic party is opposed to any change in it. Hear what Mr. Reid says upon this subject:

"Our basis of representation for one branch of the Legislature is taxation, for the other it is federal population. The abolitionists at the North wish to destroy the basis of Federal population upon which we are represented in Congress. I regard this course on the subject as *mischief and dangerous*; and I shall regard a similar movement in relation to our representation in the Legislature fraught with equal mischief and danger."

But now hear GOV. MANLY's position upon this question. We quote from the certificate furnished by T. RUFFIN, Jr., and four other gentlemen of Rockingham County. They affirm that, at Wentworth, in that county, GOV. MANLY—

"Declared most distinctly and unequivocally, that he was in favor of abolishing the present or black basis, and of instituting a white basis in its stead." He called upon Col. Reid to know what were his views on this subject; to which the Colonel unhesitatingly replied that he was OPPOSED to any change whatever in the mode of apportioning our representatives, and especially so at this particular juncture. GOV. MANLY then emphatically announced himself in favor of the change, and proclaimed that he was a better friend to *Equal Suffrage* than his opponent."

It is believed that there is now fifty thousand free white citizens of North Carolina of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who cannot vote for the Senate. And why? Is it on account of any evil that they have done? Are they worse men than those who care to vote for the Senate? It is not pretended that such is the case. Why, then, are they shut out from exercising equal rights with the rest of their fellow-citizens? Why is it, or how is it that two free white men, equal in character and in intelligence, may walk up together to the ballot box, and yet one be allowed to vote for Senator, and the other be debarred this privilege, and treated as an inferior, simply because he does not happen to own fifty acres of land? Is not this an unequal and invidious distinction between free white men residing in the same community, and having the same interests? Remarking this injustice would not have any effect upon the basis of representation. A certain amount of taxation entitles a district to a senator, no matter whether every man, or every tenth man votes who that Senator shall be; and we have clearly proved that Col. Reid is opposed to any change in the present basis, while GOV. MANLY denounces the possession of a Senator by Onslow county as a "GROSS INJUSTICE," and avows himself in favor of "abolishing the present or black basis, and of instituting a white basis in its stead."

Moreover, this same Greensboro' Patriot that contains this report of Mr. MANLY's remarks, in an editorial article upon free suffrage, says:

"We go for free suffrage too, with all our heart and strength—for a free suffrage that shall be worth something to the freemen of our State—a free suffrage connected with a representation that approaches more nearly to equality than that of the present basis. But we hear not a word of Col. Reid, or of his Democratic associates anywhere in the State, favoring the real enlargement of the common people's rights by Constitutional amendments, oh no!"

It is thus that GOV. MANLY talks in the West, and that Western Whig papers talk about the school fund, and the present basis of representation.

### Gov. Manly and the Basis—The Observer.

The Fayetteville Observer will see in another part of this paper, accounts from the Western portion of the State, over the signatures of highly respectable gentlemen of both parties, who heard GOV. MANLY, with their own ears, which fully sustain our denunciation of his infamous course in regard to the basis of representation, and show that it is GOV. MANLY and the Federal press who are guilty of "False Report—a base attempt to deceive the people." We charge this matter home upon the Observer. We point it to the certificate of five honorable men, who are willing to testify to the truth of what they say, and who can produce fifty more, if necessary, who also heard GOV. MANLY upon the same occasion.—When we made this charge we knew what we did; we knew that every word we said could be proved, and we assure it, and we assure the people, too, that more proof can be adduced, if necessary. More explicit proof it is impossible to conceive of.

As regards GOV. MANLY's letter, which is said to have arrived at Raleigh, we have a word or two to say. In the absence of proof, the Observer had no hesitation in pronouncing our statement in regard to GOV. MANLY a falsehood. It was perfectly willing to play the bluff game, as was its pliant coadjutor at Raleigh. "Like master, like man." The "clique" having decided that it should be denied, of course out comes GOV. MANLY with a denial, "as per order." It is evident that when GOV. MANLY wrote his letter of denial, he had not seen the proof of his course. There is no doubt that his denial would have been somewhat more carefully worded if he had known or anticipated that the proof was so strong and undeniable. It is an awkward thing for an interested party, as GOV. MANLY is in this case, to be met and flatly contradicted by the positive testimony of several gentlemen of high character and standing, some of whom are Whigs, and, therefore, could have no interest to subserve but that of truth. It is too late for a convicted man's protestations to rescue him from the condemnation which his course has brought upon him. It is folly, if not worse, to attempt to cast doubts upon the proof of GOV. MANLY's course in regard to the white basis, by saying that it come from Rockingham! We have not the slightest doubt that proof to the same effect can readily be obtained at Salem and other places. Perhaps the Observer calculates that, on account of the shorness of the time between now and the day of election, this proof can not be obtained. It may be mistaken in this respect as it was in the other.

The last paragraph of the Observer's article lets the cat out of the bag. It is a laborious attempt to explain away GOV. MANLY's position at Salem. We have no doubt GOV. MANLY's letter will be found to be of the same character. A mere attempt to palliate an offence—to throw dust in the eyes of the people—in a deception, a fraud upon the people.

Of the fact of GOV. MANLY's avowing himself in favor of the extension of the Central Railroad to the Tennessee line, we have not the slightest doubt. Our informant, upon whose authority we made the statement, is as reliable a man as MR. HALE or any other man in the State, and that the thing can be and will be proved by the evidence of gentlemen who were upon the spot. Depend upon it, this matter will be pressed home in such a manner that blustering and unsupported denials will go for naught.

### The School Fund.

It is not pretended to be denied, even by the partisans of our own party, that GOV. MANLY advocates the distribution of the School Fund in proportion to free white population.

Such a distribution would deprive every county in this district of fully one-third of the sum which they now receive for the education of their children, and some of them nearly half.

Of this fact the proof is plain and positive, and can be found in the report of MR. MANLY's remarks at Salem, published in the Greensboro' Patriot, and republished in almost every Whig paper in the State. According to that account, GOV. MANLY then commenced a review of the public acts of COL. REID, by calling the attention of the auditory to his (COL. REID's) votes in the State Legislature on the bill establishing Common Schools. He gave a brief history of the origin and object of this school fund. He said this fund was created to school the white children of the State, and particularly the poor and ignorant portion: that the votes of COL. REID had been diverted from this purpose, and had been in part devoted to other ends.

In every place where he has spoken, he has brought this forward. He points to, and snubs at her eight hundred voters; and then compares this with the more numerous constituency of the Western Senatorial districts, and denounces COL. REID for being opposed to "any change in the basis of representation, and the distribution of the School fund according to white population."

Now, what can any honest man think of the game which is being played by GOV. MANLY and his organs?

He is the testimony of five honorable men, over their own signatures, that he came out for the white basis at Wentworth; and here, also, is one of his organs as a humble advocate. We believe with every other man who looked through disinterested glasses, that GOV. MANLY was opposed to Free Suffrage. No other conclusion could be drawn from his course two years since. Well, the Convention met—laid down certain principles, among them an acknowledgement of every freeman's right to be heard at the ballot-box—and GOV. MANLY, with that patriotism and devotion to popular rights which should govern every man claiming to be a Republican, at once yielded to what he believed to be the voice of his countrymen, and pledged himself to aid in the great work of constitutional reform, and went beyond what we at first imagined to hope—for he is in favor of a change in the basis of representation, and the distribution of the School fund according to white population."

Now, months ago, we said we would sustain the nomination of the State Convention, if he gave his support to those constitutional reforms for which we have ever been a humble advocate. We believe with every other man who looked through disinterested glasses, that GOV. MANLY was opposed to Free Suffrage. No other conclusion could be drawn from his course two years since. Well, the Convention met—laid down certain principles, among them an acknowledgement of every freeman's right to be heard at the ballot-box—and GOV. MANLY, with that patriotism and devotion to popular rights which should govern every man claiming to be a Republican, at once yielded to what he believed to be the voice of his countrymen, and pledged himself to aid in the great work of constitutional reform, and went beyond what we at first imagined to hope—for he is in favor of a change in the basis of representation, and the distribution of the School fund according to white population."

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Now, months ago, we said we would

## Foreign News—Arrival of the America.

The Cunard Steamship *America* arrived at Halifax on the 18th inst. She brings Liverpool dates up to the 6th. Her news is more than usually important and interesting.

Sir Robert Peel, the greatest British statesman of the age, was killed on the 28th of June, by being thrown from his horse. The English papers are filled with extended notices of the life and character of the late Premier, and with speculations on the effect his death will have upon the country. The particulars of his death are thus stated: On Saturday evening, June 29, whilst proceeding from his residence in Whitehall up Constitution Hill, his horse suddenly shied at something passing, kicked up his heels, and threw Sir Robert over his head on his face. Although rendered insensible by the fall, Sir Robert retained hold of the reins; and the animal being thus checked, lost his footing, and fell heavily upon the top of the baronet. Several gentlemen passing, rendered the necessary assistance, and the Ex-Premier was placed in a carriage, removed to his house in Whitehall in a state of insensibility. All the medical talent of London was soon at his service. Their united efforts were unavailing. After lingering till eleven o'clock on Tuesday night, the great statesman expired, in the 63d year of his age.

A public funeral was tendered, but refused by the family as not being in accordance with the wishes of the deceased.

It is said that an American squadron has arrived in the Tagus, for the purpose of enforcing the payment of the \$70,000 claimed by the United States from Portugal. Great excitement prevails at Lisbon. Twenty-one days were allowed by the American commander for a final reply. Fears were entertained of a refusal. The Portuguese government have determined to resist the demand upon them. It is difficult to say what the result may be. Of course, Portugal cannot, of herself, cope with, or resist the United States; but it is possible that other nations may be drawn into the collision, should any ensue. It will probably be settled.

The British Cabinet has again been defeated in the House of Lords. It is probable that there will be a dissolution of Parliament.

Large meetings have been held in Ireland, in regard to the treatment to which Smith O'Brien is subjected in the penal settlement to which he has been banished. A letter has been received from O'Brien, confirming all that has been said upon this subject.

There is nothing peculiarly important from France. Louis Philippe is said to be dying of cancer in the stomach, and his relations state that he can scarcely survive a month.

A diplomatic dinner was given at the Elysee, in honor of the reconciliation of England and France. Business was partially suspended in Paris on hearing of the death of Sir Robert Peel, and several distinguished Frenchmen, including M. Guizot, left for London, to be present at his funeral.

A decree has been published in Madrid, granting \$1,000,000 to the Minister of Marine, for the purpose of building two steamers, and for the purchase of timber for eight more vessels. The decree is founded upon the necessity of increasing the Spanish navy as demonstrated by the recent events in Cuba.

**STILL LATER.**—The American Mail Steamship Atlantic, arrived at New York on the 21st inst., with four days later news than that brought by the America. The Atlantic made the run from Liverpool to New York in ten days and fifteen hours. There is still further advance of a cent per pound in cotton, and a brisk trade. The Duke of Cambridge, the paternal uncle of Queen Victoria, died recently. An attempt has been made by a man named WALKER, to assassinate the President of France. He was failed in the attempt, which is attributed to mental alienation. These items comprise all the news not brought by the America.

**LATER STILL.**—The Steamer Asia, arrived at Boston on the 23d inst. She brings Liverpool dates up to the 13th inst. The political news is without special interest.

Two great battles have taken place between the Russians and Circassians, in which it is stated, both parties suffered a heavy loss.

Cotton ruled firm during the week, and did over quotations of the 10th. The sales of the week amount to 85,760 bales. Americans and all other descriptions have maintained an advance of 4d to 4d per lb. Nothing said about Naval Stores.

For the Journal.

A meeting composed of a highly respectable portion of the citizens of Sampson county, was held at the Court House in Clinton, on the 17th of July, for the purpose of adopting appropriate measures relative to the death of the late President of the U. S.

On motion, the meeting was organized by calling Dr. Wm. Mc KAY Chairman, and JOSIAH JOHNSON and W. F. BERRY were appointed Secretaries.

The object of the meeting having been explained by the chairman in a few well-timed and appropriate remarks; on motion, a committee of five, consisting of Dr. H. A. Bizzell, Dr. B. Boykin, J. C. Carroll, Thos. J. Boykin, and Geo. W. Atkins, were appointed to draft resolutions suitable to the occasion. The committee, after a short absence, reported through Dr. H. A. Bizzell, the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, it hath pleased an omnipotent Providence in His dispensation, to remove from our midst ZACHARY TAYLOR, late Chief Magistrate of this republic; and whereas, by this afflicting event, our nation is made to mourn the loss of a man who had, by his spotless integrity—his glorious deeds in the service of his country—his lofty virtue and stern patriotism, endeared himself to the hearts of all true Americans. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, a portion of the citizens of Sampson, in common with our brethren throughout the United States, deeply lament the melancholy occurrence which has deprived the American people of their late illustrious chief, and we will ever cherish in grateful remembrance the noble deeds of the deceased patriot, which have ennobled his name along with those of the benefactors of our beloved country.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to the memory of the departed hero, we will select some person to deliver an Eulogy on the life, character and services of the deceased.

On motion, the foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the Wilmington Journal and Fayetteville Observer for publication.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

WM. MCKAY, Ch'n.

W.M. J. BERRY, { Sec'ts.

JOSIAH JOHNSON, }

RELEASER OF THE CONTOY PRISONERS.—The steamer Vixen, Lieut. Com'g Smith, with Commodors Morris on board, arrived at Norfolk on Monday last, from Havana. The Conroy prisoners, forty-two in number, have been given up. They are all Americans, and principally from the Western States. These prisoners are the passengers taken in the barque Georgiana and brig Susan Loud, bound to Chagres. They have been confined in double iron, on board the Spanish seventy-four, since the latter part of May, and have been treated badly. The masters and crew, ten in number, have been detained a while longer. The prisoners given up were placed on board the Albany, at Havana, to be landed at Pensacola.

A Western paper says:—"Never plead guilty to poverty. So far as this world is concerned, you had better admit that you are a d— scoundrel."

A Spanish Pamphlet is in circulation in Europe, which has produced a sensation. It is entitled "The Protest of Don Francisco de Asis de Bourbon," and purports to be the protest of the King Consort of Spain against the legitimacy of the expected heir presumptive of the Spanish crown.

From the Raleigh Standard.  
Let these Facts be Known.

We call upon the people of the middle and East, again and again, to bear in mind that Gov. Manly, who is now *demagoguing* in the West for re-election, has taken and endeavored to maintain on the stamp the following position:

1. He has declared himself IN FAVOR OF ABOLISHING FEDERAL POPULATION AS A BASIS OF REPRESENTATION IN OUR STATE LEGISLATURE! His partisans charged Col. Reid with being in favor of this two years since, and they and Gov. Manly denounced and opposed Equal Suffrage mainly on the ground, they alleged, that it would lead to a change in the basis of representation. They spoke of the great danger of such a proposition and warned the people against it. Now, "Manly is for it!" WE KNOW THE FACT TO BE SO, and Gov. Manly will not deny it.

2. Two years ago Gov. Manly was silent, while in the East, about Col. Reid's vote, in 1840, to divide the School money according to federal population; but when he got West he used this charge against Col. Reid in the most violent and decided manner. Gov. Manly and his partisans know that the greater part of this fund was raised according to federal population; that if called upon to pay it back, the negroes, as well as the whites and the lands, will have to be taxed in order to raise the money; that this law has since been repealed and re-enacted by Whig Legislatures, many of his friends and present supporters voting for the federal population principle, as Col. Reid did. The Convention, which nominated Gov. Manly for re-election, was silent on this question, and in Gov. Manly's speech before that body, intended for the whole State, he says nothing about it. He is now daily denouncing Col. Reid for this vote, and bewailing the condition of the "poor barefoot boys" of the West, who have been deprived, as he says, of their just rights in this Fund for the benefit of the "wealthy slaveholding counties of the East."

3. Gov. Manly denied, at Jefferson, that he was a Roman Catholic! Who charged him with it? But after denying this, he admitted in the next breath to array the Church against Col. Reid, by denouncing his vote against the Wake Forest bill.

4. Gov. Manly charged that Col. Reid voted, while in the Legislature to whip and sell poor white men, the charge is untrue. Col. Reid voted, in company with Wilkes, and among others, with James T. Moorehead, Dr. Withers of Stokes, and Mr. Mitchell, of Wilkes, against repealing the law to punish vagrants—the same law which, in principle, Mr. Manly approved in 1840 as a member of the Whig Central Committee! Let the fact be known that Charles Manly assumes by this charge of his, that the "poor white men" of the State are *losers* and "*vagrants*".

5. Gov. Manly is daily charging in the West that Col. Reid is in the Legislature, voted nearly all occasions with the *East* and *against the West*; and he tells the Western people that there are prejudices against him in the East, because he was in favor of Portugal, cannot, of himself, cope with, or resist the United States; but it is possible that other nations may be drawn into the collision, should any ensue.

The British Cabinet has again been defeated in the House of Lords. It is probable that there will be a dissolution of Parliament.

Large meetings have been held in Ireland, in regard to the treatment to which Smith O'Brien is subjected in the penal settlement to which he has been banished.

Fears were entertained of a refusal. The Portuguese government have determined to resist the demand upon them. It is difficult to say what the result may be.

6. The Philadelphia Bulletin says that seventeen persons were drowned by the storm and freshet in the river Schuylkill, and a vast amount of property destroyed. At Norfolk, several chimneys were blown down and trees rooted up. In the Eastern portion of this State, the damage to the crops has been immense. At Elizabeth City several houses were blown down and vessels forced upon the wharves, and lumber scattered in every direction. Whole fields of corn (the great staple of the vicinity,) have been levelled with the earth, and the flocks literally torn in shreds. We also learn that the destruction of the crops in Hyde, Tyrell, and the adjoining counties, has been immense.

The storm also visited Newbern with all its fury. We have heard the damage done to property in that town estimated as high as twenty-five thousand dollars. We have not heard of much damage in this neighborhood. The Line Boats made their regular trips.

**Congress.**

We are again forced to omit our regular summary of the sayings and doings in Congress, which, however, are confined to two topics: in the Senate, the amendment of the Constitution makes all the noise.

Mr. Clay spoke on Monday last, and is said to have made an effort worthy of his palmiest days. He came down heavy upon the abolitionists at the North, and the nullifiers at the South. It is probable that the final vote will be taken upon this bill this week—Perhaps it has already been taken. An amendment of Mr. SEWARD's, for introducing the Wilmot proviso, was negatived, as was also one of Mr. FOOTE's, for fixing the boundary of Texas at 34 degrees north latitude, instead of 32, which would give Texas 70,000 square miles more territory than the original bill; and also one for fixing the southern boundary of California at 35 degrees. The vote stood 32 against, to 20 for. An amendment in favor of the Missouri Compromise was also rejected by a very large majority—some eight Southern men, chiefly Whigs, voting against it. The bill will probably be kept out, until the free States do us justice on the Slavery question.

7. Col. Reid has always been opposed to disturbing the basis of representation; and the amendment of the Constitution he asks is, that every man who votes in the Commons may be allowed to vote in the Senate also. This is his position. See his address to the people of the State, for proof of the facts.

8. Gov. Manly is the *first* Governor of North Carolina who has *not* signed the ARREST OF THE WEST AGAINST THE EAST—the first Governor who has ever brought the Church into the vortex of political discussions, and sought to re-elect him self by sectarian arguments and sectarian appeals.

Let the people know these facts—spread them far and wide. Let THE STATE hear them; and let the people, every where, vote understandingly and with their eyes wide open.

**PROXIMITY OF ENGLAND AND THE U. STATES.**—The New York Commercial Advertiser, in announcing the arrival of the steamship Europa from Liverpool says:

A friend, who made the passage in her, showed us what was indeed a curious and a striking illustration of the close proximity to which the two countries are now brought, a fragrant bouquet of geraniums and other flowers, apparently as fresh as though plucked from their stems only a few hours before. Yet they were gathered in Manchester, a place distant, we believe, about forty miles from Liverpool. The same friend also informed us that the flowers were placed in a tumbler of water on the table of the ladies saloon, which tumbler, without any kind of fastening whatever, stood unmoved during the whole trip from port to port, except when taken up to have the water replenished; from which fact we infer that the Europa must have made smooth sailing upon a smooth sea. We subsequently found that several gentlemen had equally fresh flowers in their possession.

**Supreme Court.**

The following decisions have been delivered since our last notice:

By RUFFIN, C. J. In *doe ex dom Harris v. De Graffenreid* from Chatham, affirming the judgment. Also, in *Bonner, from Perquimons, directing a venire de novo*. Also, in *Small v. Eason, from Beaufort, directing a venire de novo*. Also, in *Peebles v. Lassiter*, from Northampton, affirming the judgment. Also, in *Moore, from Beaufort, declaring that he is not a lawyer*. Also, in *Walters v. Wilkes*, from Abbeville, directing a *venire de novo*.

SIR ROBERT PEEL.—The deceased ex-Premier was in his 63d year, and the possessor of a colossal fortune, estimated at from thirty to forty millions of dollars—the most of which was amassed by his father in the manufacturing business. The younger

PEEL seems to have been educated for political life, and upon becoming of age, joined the old Tory party; but in connection with the Duke of Wellington, he was instrumental in passing the Catholic Emancipation Bill of 1829, which might be considered the first advancement towards a more liberal system of policy. More recently he has been distinguished as one of the strongest and most able advocates of a liberal commercial system in England; and it was mainly through his influence that the repeal of the Corn laws was passed through the British Parliament. His course upon this question lost him the support of the Tory party, who transferred the allegiance to Lord GEO. BENTINCK, and more recently to Lord STANLEY, who appears to be the present exponent of the protectionist interest in England.

PEEL was rather practical than showy. More apt to effect tangible reformation, than to make speeches about abstract rights. Although not what might be called a bold statesman, the fact is certain, that as a tiny Minister, he did more for popular rights than all the bravadoings in England. Like Pitt, he chose to remain a Commoner, although he might have been elevated to the Peerage if he had desired it.

**The Galpin Cabinet Pyramid.**

**THE ALLEN CLAIM!**

**THE BARRON CLAIM!!**

**THE BENSON CLAIM!!!!**

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**THE VIRGINIA CLAIM!!!!**

**THE DE LA FRANCIA CLAIM!!!!**

**THE GREAT GALPIN CLAIM!!!!**

AND NUMEROUS OTHER CLAIMS!

AMOUNTING TO OVER \$1,000,000!!!!

THE NEW CABINET.—The President sent into the Senate on Saturday the following nominations, which were immediately acted upon, and all the gentlemen confirmed for the offices attached to their names:

Daniel Webster, of Mass., Secretary of State.

Thos. Corwin, of Ohio, Secretary of the Treasury.

Wm. A. Graham, of North Carolina, Secretary of the Navy.

David Bates, of Missouri, Secretary of War.

Nathan K. Hall, of N. York, Postmaster General.

A. Pearce, of Md., Secretary of the Interior.

John C. Crittenden, of Ky., Attorney General.

The Washington Union, of Saturday evening, says:

"It is supposed that Mr. Webster will not accept his appointment, nor retire from the Senate, until the vote has been taken on the compromise bill.

Messrs. Pearce and Corwin being on opposite sides of that question, may pair off, without affecting the result of the vote."

**YANKEE SHOES.**—A paragraph has gone the rounds of the country: and all, without one dissenting voice, are in favor of the most effectual and prompt measures for defending the rights and the honor of the State, against the insurrectionary movement of Santa Fe, under the countenance and encouragement of the present administration.

We learn that Governor Bell wished to take command in person of whatever troops may be raised by the Legislature at its approaching session.

**YANKEE SHOES.**—To give some idea of the extent to which the manufacture of shoes is carried on in some towns in New England, it is only necessary to show the operations of one village. For the year ending the first of April last, Tar, from Farmington, N. H., exceeded 425,000 valued at \$300,000. The amount paid for labor, freight, and trucking, was near \$90,000. The boxes alone cost \$20,000, and required 210,000 feet of boards to make them. There are now six large manufacturers, besides some smaller ones, altogether capable of turning out 600,000 per annum, which is pretty good evidence that they are still in the land of the living.

A Western paper says:—"Never plead guilty to poverty. So far as this world is concerned, you had better admit that you are a d— scoundrel."

A Spanish Pamphlet is in circulation in Europe, which has produced a sensation. It is entitled "The Protest of Don Francisco de Asis de Bourbon," and purports to be the protest of the King Consort of Spain against the legitimacy of the expected heir presumptive of the Spanish crown.

Arrival of the Crescent City—16 Days Later from California.

The steamer Crescent City arrived at New York on the 22d inst., with fourteen days later intelligence from California.

Another tremendous conflagration has occurred in the city of San Francisco. It broke out on the 14th of June, and before the flames could be subdued, about three hundred houses, stores, dwellings, hotels, &c., were burnt to ashes. It is estimated that the loss will reach five millions of dollars. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Crescent City brings one hundred and forty thousand dollars worth of gold dust in the hands of passengers, besides a considerable amount on freight.

Within the past few days business has become somewhat more active, but in general there are complaints of dull times. Small sales and large profits are to nearly all the surrounding country, and to some extent throughout the mining regions, where much inactivity prevails in consequence of the streams being greatly swollen and the water too high for navigation.

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## The Greatness and Permanence of the United States.

One of the first in the series of eminent foreigners who came as travelers to this country, was Brisot de Warville, a Frenchman. He was here in 1787, and, on his return to France, published a work on the United States, which was so much regarded at the time that it was soon translated into English.—Brisot entered warmly into the French Revolution; but, like many others, he was made to pass sentence of death on the King, he spoke and voted for the appeal to the primary assemblies. When Lafayette was consigned, Brisot defended him. Afterwards he himself fell with the Girondists, to whom he had attached himself. He was carried to the guillotine, Oct. 31st, 1793. In the Boston Transcript, from which we glean the above information, we find the following extract from Brisot's work on the United States. It is interesting and shows how strong his convictions were, at that early day, of the vitality of our institutions:

*"THOUGHTS ON THE DURATION OF THE AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH."—There is a greater probability that the duration of the American commonwealth will be longer than any empire that has hitherto existed. For it is a truth, universally admitted, that all the advantages which ever attended any of the monarchies in the old world, all center in the new; together with many others, which they never enjoy. The four great empires, and the dominions of Charlemagne, and the Turks, all rose by conquests; none by the arts of peace. On the contrary, the territory of the United States has been planted and reared by a union of liberty, good conduct, and all the comforts of domestic virtue.*

"All the great monarchies were formed by the conquest of kingdoms, different in arts, manners, language, temper, or religion, from the conquerors; so that the union, though in some cases very strong, was never the real and intimate connecting principle of the same people; and the grand and principally accelerated their growth, and gradually, by the cause of it, in some. This will be very different in the Americans. They will, in their greatest extent and population, be one and the same people; the same language, religion, laws, manners, tempers, and pursuits, for the small variation in some districts, owing to the settlement of Germans, is an exception so very slight, that in a few ages it will be unknown.

"The Assyrian and Roman empires were of very slow growth, and therefore lasted the longest; but their increase was by conquest and the union of dissonant parts. The Persian and Macedonian monarchies were soon founded and presently overthrown; the former not lasting so long as the Assyrian, nor a sixth of the duration of the Roman; and as to the Macedonian, it lasted but six years. This advantage of a slow growth is strong in favor of the Americans; the wonderful increase of their numbers is the natural effect of plenty of land, a good climate, and a mild and beneficial government, in which corruption and tyranny are wholly unknown. Some centuries are already past since their first settlement, and many more will pass before their power appears in its full splendor; but the quickness of a growth that is entirely natural will carry with it no marks of decay, being entirely different from monarchies founded by force of arms.

"The Roman empire perished by the hands of northern barbarians, whom the masters of the world destined to conquer. It will not be so with the Americans: they spread gradually over the whole continent, insinuating that two hundred years hence there probably will be nobody but themselves in the whole northern continent; from whence, therefore, should their Goths and Vandals come?" Nor can they ever have anything to fear from the South; first, because that country will never be populous, owing to the possession of mines, &c.; secondly, there are several nations and languages planted and growing in it; finally, the most considerable part of it lies in the tropic zone, a region that never yet nurtured nations of conquerors.

In extent, the habitable parts of North America exceed that of any of the four empires, and consequently can feel and maintain a people much more numerous than the Assyrians or the Romans. The situation of the region is so advantageous that it leaves nothing to be wished for; it can have no neighbors from whom there is a possibility of attack or molestation; it will possess all the solid advantages of the Chinese empire, without the fatal neighborhood of the Tartars.

It will have further the singular felicity of all the advantages of an island; that is, a freedom from the attacks of others, and too many difficulties with too great a distance, to engage in enterprises that heretofore proved the ruin of other nations.

"The soil, the climate, production, and face of the continent, is formed by nature for a great independent and permanent government; fill it with people who will of themselves, of course, possess all sorts of manufactures, and you will find it every way more necessary and convenient of life. Such a vast tract of country, possessing such singular advantages, becoming inhabited by one people, speaking the same language, professing the same religion, and having the same manners; attaining a population equal to that of the greatest empire; sprung from an active and industrious nation, who have transposed into them their own industry and spirit, and seen them worthy of their original; inhabiting a soil not dangerous for fertility, nor a climate generally conducive to effeminate; accustomed to commerce, such a people, as the Americans, will be the most valuable as humanity will allow. Suffice it for England and herself, she will have been the origin of a commonwealth greater and more durable than any former monarchy; that her language and her manners will flourish among a people who will one day become a splendid spectacle in the vast eye of the universe. This flattering idea of immortality no other nation can have to attain."

"And here let me make an observation that should animate authors in the English language with an ardor that cannot be infused into those of any other nation; it is the pleasing idea of living among so great a people, through almost a perpetuity of fame, and under almost an impossibility of becoming like the Greek and Latin tongues, dead: known only by the learned. Increasing time will bring increasing readers, until their names become repeated with pleasure by an hundred millions of people."

**THE SIAMSE TWINS DEAD.**—The Paris Journal des Debats announces the death in England, of the famous Siamese Twins. The Debats states, that according to the London Medical Times, the two brothers died of marasmus. A post-mortem examination proved what has been constantly asserted by the faculty, viz: that the two cavities of the abdominal cavity were connected by a membrane bridle about half an inch thick.—*Rich. Times.*

We cannot better show the improved condition of Ireland than by adducing the following facts:

First quarter of First quarter of

Panpers relieved . . . . . \$91,161 363,314

Amount expended . . . . . \$532,626 2353,191

Grants in aid . . . . . 34,750 28,286

Not collected from poor rates . . . . . \$147,070 590,516

RICH.—By the last arrival from California, we learn that the real estate in San Francisco was assessed at Three Hundred Millions of Dollars!

This moderate estimate reminds us of the anecdote of the two Yankees, who spent a Sunday together on a steamboat in Maine, during the speculation in timber lands; and who each made fifty thousand dollars by buying and selling to the other during the day.

An anecdote is told of Governor Jones, of Kentucky, which is too good to be lost. Whilst making a speech some two years since, a rowdy fellow hissed him. Immediately the cry—"turn him out, turn him out," arose from various parts of the crowd.—Just as the time an air was by commenced braying, when the Governor remarked to the audience "let him alone, gentlemen, his father is calling him and he will soon leave."

SPEAKING OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS—they would make good judges, for while waiting for the verdict of a jury they could employ their time in hemming sheets or making petticoats—says old Single.

## Berlin, the Capital of Prussia.

A correspondent of the Boston Traveller, writing from Berlin on the 10th ult., gives the following description of that city:

Approaching it from Paris, you pass through Brussels and Cologne on the railroad, a distance of about 800 miles. From London it is forty-eight hours to Berlin—all the way by steam, whether you come by the way of Ostend or Hamburg. From Berlin and Hamburg are railroads also to Vienna and Warsaw.

The old difficulties in the way of travelling are removed, and you can run over the continent without saying anything nearly as well as the same thing can be said in your country. On the routes to Hamburg, Berlin, Cologne, and Leipzig, there is little beyond the historical associations to attract your attention. The same level, dry, sandy country, prevails to a wide extent.

But what about Berlin itself? It is a city of 420,000 and 12,000 houses. As a great number of the houses are for public purposes, the number of those occupied by families is reduced, so that you can form a faint idea of the crowding system which prevails here. Every house is filled according to its cubit capacity, as you would pack a box. There is no caricaturing the manner of life prevailing here. It don't admit of caricature. The truth and nothing but the truth will be set down as a romance at once. They may talk about comfortable dwellings here, but any American family of moderate fortune would consider the claim as a capital joke. Here is a house four stories high. The rooms upon each story are made to connect with each other by doors in the partition; so that if such an extraordinary partition should arise as a family who go into the luxury of hiring a whole floor, every thing will be found ready for them.

The different strata in each house are generally arranged with reference to the ability to pay rent in the cellar, poor coopers, shoemakers, bakers, tailors, &c., reside. On the first floor commence the respectability, or those claiming that title. Here may have several families, all and singular, diverse and widely separated in the different bellies; ditto in the other stories all the way up to the roof. The common stains of society are the great highway for this multitude, and the great double doors through the arch let you out upon the street. The stair case is the place where an extraordinary amount of clothes cleaning, boot blacking and extreme fighting among belligerent neighbors is carried on; it is also used for the display of the family pictures, &c. The different stories are numbered here in Paris, the first corresponding to our second.

It is an interesting study to observe the relative respect for neatness manifested by various families on the different stories as you ascend. For instance, story number one keeps up a perpetual scrubbing, obliging you to take lessons in the swimming school before you dare return to your room. Number two is naturally out of humor at this unnecessary neatness of her neighbor, and obstinately ignores all acquaintance with brooms and mops, so you are expected to track off with your feet a given quantity of venerable dirt and dust. Number three has a weakness for sand, and sprinkles it in ample profusion over the platform. Where the wealthy reside, of course the most marked cleanliness is observed in all parts of the house; but where students room a poorer people are landlords. The most laughable confusion sometimes prevails.

Scarcely any house has a front door proper, as un-

derstand in America; but a carriage way runs from the street into the court, and from the centre of this commence the stairs leading into the building. The large double doors are sometimes kept shut, if the families in the house can afford a porter, and in that case you see only one bell handle—generally there are six or eight bell handles by the door, indicating the number of families in the house. They have a contrivance by which the street doors can be opened without obliging the servant to go below. You call upon Mr. Smith, who resides in the fourth story, ring the bell, and presto! the great door springs open by some invisible means. After telling a few stories, you find the servant waiting for you on the platform ready for your commands. The servant above has only put his foot on a spring, and the bolt is thrown back, allowing the door to swing open.

A porter, however, is a great convenience, as he has his room immediately by the door, and can give you any information about the occupants of the house you may wish. You find them all in the houses of the wealthier classes, as in Paris. Through the centre of the main entrance, runs the sewer, which receives all the waste water of the premises, and adds indescribably to the fragrance of the building—the undoubted intention of some physician who was in want of practice.

You are walking along the street, you are liable at any time to have a span of horses driven from one of the carriage ways across the path; a sharp look out is advisable to prevent the uncomfortable sensation of being run over. In the new parts of the city, the streets are regularly laid out, and are often very showy, on account of the noble houses contained in them.

The great misfortune here is that the land is almost perfectly level—as level as a floor; and the river Spree, which winds through it in every direction, has not sufficient current to carry away the water from the sewers. The drains are above ground, uncovered, and from the level surface their contents remain to stagnate and fill the air with fever and cholera, ad lib. Many plans have been proposed for remedying this crying evil. Humboldt has turned his attention to it, and architects have written and sketched, dreamed, theorized, smoked and drunk beer over it for years; but the measure has been allowed to the 18th annual bad dead. How could it be otherwise? If they would give the advice of physicians, the thing could be easily accomplished. Bring every back to the ground, sell the buildings, and use what of the material was necessary for the construction of sewers and reservoirs; let the laborers work, and the officers superintend; and then with a will; stop thinking and theorizing, but work. It is probable, however, that the Marine Telegraph and the great Oregon railroad will be finished before Berlin is supplied with pure water.

The houses in the city are nearly all built of brick, stuccoed, and often ornamented with figures and bas-relief, with carved stair cases, and quaint paintings on the hall windows. They are usually large—four stories high—roofs of brick tiles—having no outside blinds—windows hung on hinges, like doors—often with canvas curtains outside, as substitutes for blinds—on the windows, looking-glasses so arranged as to enable persons within a room to witness what they were doing in another room, not so common a people, through almost a perpetuity of fame, and under almost an impossibility of becoming like the Greek and Latin tongues, dead: known only by the learned. Increasing time will bring increasing readers, until their names become repeated with pleasure by an hundred millions of people."

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"Surely two are not required!"

"Hear me out. You see the child wanted novelty, and so I lighted a candle, and as my wife carried him up and down the room, I walked after her, making all sorts of queer manoeuvres with the light."

"Well, did that pacify him?"

"Oh—yes, yes, after a fashion. It stopped his crying, but we consumed a whole candle, and the best portion of the night before he fell asleep, and the consequence was, I got wretchedly stale this morning."

"Now, old bachelor, laugh if you feel like it, and let this be a caution to you!"

THE SUCCESS IN WOOGING.—There are a set of men whose success in wooing—and it is unfailing—I can comprehend. Grave, emaciated, sallow divines, who never look the person in the face whom they address—who never speak above their breath—sit at the uttermost edge of their chairs, a full yard distant from the dinner table. I have never known one of those scarecrows fail of getting a good and rich wife. How it is, Heaven knows! Can it be the real value to the people than all the titled nobility of which they are members?—I can only say, "I can comprehend."

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fellow is getting to be very knowing, and will be humored now and then; so I get up, occasionally, and walk him to sleep; but last night, both wife and self had to carry him alternately, and—"